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Unemployment Rates Down for the Eleventh Consecutive Month, Jobs Up in All Metro Areas

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	February 2022*	February 2021**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	3.9%	5.6%	-1.7
Carbondale-Marion	4.7%	6.6%	-1.9
Champaign-Urbana	3.8%	5.7%	-1.9
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	4.9%	7.5%	-2.6
Danville	6.0%	7.7%	-1.7
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	4.6%	6.8%	-2.2
Decatur	7.1%	9.1%	-2.0
Elgin	5.6%	7.6%	-2.0
Kankakee	6.5%	8.1%	-1.6
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.9%	6.6%	-1.7
Peoria	5.6%	7.5%	-1.9
Rockford	7.9%	10.4%	-2.5
Springfield	4.8%	6.7%	-1.9
St. Louis (IL-Section)	4.4%	6.2%	-1.8
Illinois Statewide	5.0%	7.3%	-2.3

* Preliminary | ** Revised

SPRINGFIELD – The unemployment rate decreased over-the-year in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas in February for the eleventh consecutive month according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). Jobs were up in all fourteen metro areas.

“We are encouraged by Illinois’ sustained growth across the economy,” said **Deputy Governor Andy Manar**. “Job seekers are finding new opportunities across the state, and Illinois is ready to support them with resources that will continue strengthening Illinois’ workforce.”

The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Bloomington MSA (+6.9%, +6,000), the Elgin Metropolitan Division (+6.3%, +14,700), and the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metropolitan Division (+5.4%, +186,800). Industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas included: Leisure and Hospitality and Government (fourteen areas each); Mining and Construction (thirteen areas);

Manufacturing (twelve areas); Wholesale Trade and Other Services (eleven areas each); Retail Trade, Professional and Business Services and Education and Health Services (nine areas each).

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate decreases were the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metropolitan Division (-2.6 points to 4.9%), the Rockford MSA (-2.5 points to 7.9%) and the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL MSA (-2.2 points to 4.6%). The unemployment rate decreased over-the-year in all 102 counties for the fourth straight month.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – February 2022

Metropolitan Area	February 2022*	February 2021**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	92,400	86,400	6,000
Carbondale-Marion MSA	57,100	54,800	2,300
Champaign-Urbana MSA	116,000	112,300	3,700
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,659,600	3,472,800	186,800
Danville MSA	25,700	25,200	500
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	178,800	171,500	7,300
Decatur MSA	47,700	46,100	1,600
Elgin Metro Division	249,500	234,800	14,700
Kankakee MSA	41,900	41,800	100
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	406,400	396,400	10,000
Peoria MSA	162,800	158,400	4,400
Rockford MSA	141,700	135,800	5,900
Springfield MSA	106,700	101,300	5,400
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	231,800	228,900	2,900
Illinois Statewide	5,885,500	5,626,400	259,100

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